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SRF and JRF under various Projects
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Senior Research Fellows (SRFs) and Junior Research Fellows (JRFs) taken under various projects have come down over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has not issued notification for SRFs granted by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR);

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details and number of fellowships funded by the CSIR during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI.Y. S. CHOWDARY)

(a) & (b): No Madam. Senior Research Fellows (SRFs) and Junior Research Fellows (JRFs) taken under various projects funded by the Ministry of Science & Technology have not come down over the years. The number of fellows working in these projects in the last three years and the current year are given below:

Financial Year Number of SRF & JRF
2012-13 1688
2013-14 1700
2014-15 1710
2015-16 (Till November, 2015) 804

(c) & (d): Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has issued notification for SRFs in the "Employment News" dated November 14-20, 2015 and is also available on CSIR website: www.csirhrdg.res.in.

(e) Even though the project based fellowships have not come down, the number of direct fellowships given by CSIR has shown decline over the years. The details during the last three years and current year are given below:

Financial Year Number of fellowships
2012-13 3388
2013-14 3177
2014-15 2690
2015-16 (Till November, 2015) 1166

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